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SUBJ: JORDANS PETROLEUM SUPPLIES

1. ACCORDING TO AMMAN REPRESENTATIVES OF TRANS-ARABIAN PIPELINE COMPANY (TAPLINE), THERE IS STILL NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOJ AND COMPANY ON PRICE FOR CRUDE SUPPLIED TO JORDAN'S ONLY REFINERY AT ZERQA. TAPLINE, WHICH OPERATES THE PIPELINE THROUGH WHICH SAUDI OIL MOVES ACROSS JORDAN AND SYRIA TO SIDON, HAS BEEN JORDAN'S ONLY SOURCE OF CRUDE. ACCORDING TO TAPLINE REP, GOJ HAS NOT PAID FOR DELIVERIES SINCE 1972, WHILE COMPANY HAS SUSPENDED PAYMENTS OF TRANSIT FEES.

2. TAPLINE REVENUES, SHOWN AS GOJ BUDGET RECEIPT, COME FROM REFINERY COMPANY PAYMENTS OFFSET AGAINST TAPLINE FEES. GOJ DEBT TO TAPLINE (COST OF OIL AT LONG STANDING PRICE OF AROUND \$1.95 PER BARREL LESS TAPLINE FEES) NOW APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION.

3. WITH NEW MARKET CONDITIONS AND INCREASES IN PETROLEUM PRICES, TRANS-ARABIAN APPARENTLY NOT  
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PRESSING FOR AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH GOJ CAN HARDLY

EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM OLD PRICES, GOVERNMENT  
CAN BARGAIN TAPLINE FEES FOR LOWER CRUDE PRICES.  
UNDERSTAND 5 PERCENT OF ARAMCO'S TOTAL PRODUCTION MOVES  
THROUGH THE TAPLINE. GRAHAM

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